

1. A process for manufacturing laminated polymeric optical elements comprising:
 - a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element a first solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element is not soluble in said first solvent;
 - b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and
 - c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to a second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.
2. The process of claim 1 wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element comprise wafer components for an ophthalmic lens.
3. The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent comprises an aqueous liquid.
4. The process of claim 2 wherein said first solvent comprises an aqueous liquid.
5. The process of claim 1 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

6. The process of claim 2 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

7. The process of claim 4 wherein said film is applied to said first polymeric optical element by applying a liquid coating composition to said at least one surface and then drying said coating composition to form said film.

8. The process of claim 2 comprising:

a) applying to at least one surface of a first polymeric optical element and a second polymeric optical element a ^{first} solvent-soluble or ^{second} solvent dispersible film, wherein said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element are not soluble in said first solvent;

b) removing said film from said first polymeric optical element and said second polymeric optical element by contacting the film with said first solvent which dissolves or disperses said film; and

c) laminating said first polymeric optical element to said second polymeric optical element to form a laminated polymeric optical element.

9. The process of claim 2 wherein said polymeric coating composition is selected from compositions comprising polymers selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

10. The process of claim 2 wherein said polymeric coating composition comprises a polymer having an acid value ≥ 100 .

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11. The process of claim 10 wherein said polymer ^{comprises} an acrylic or polyester polymer.

12. The process of claim 8 wherein said ^{polymeric coating composition is} selected from compositions comprising polymers selected from the group consisting of acrylic polymers, polyester polymers, polyurethane polymers, poly vinyl resins, and cellulose based polymers.

13. The process of claim 8 wherein said ^{polymeric coating composition} comprises a polymer having an acid value ≥ 100 .

14. The process of claim 13 wherein said polymer ^{comprises} an acrylic or polyester polymer.

15. The process of claim 1 wherein said first solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible film is applied to said ^{lens} from a solution or dispersion in a coating solvent.

16. The process of claim 15 wherein said first solvent is different from said coating solvent.

17. A polymeric ophthalmic lens blank having a polymeric coating on at least both major lens surfaces, said polymeric coating being solvent-soluble or solvent dispersible in a first solvent that will not dissolve or etch the polymeric ophthalmic lens blank.

18. The lens blank of claim 17 wherein said lens blank comprises a polycarbonate resin and said first solvent comprises an aqueous solution.

19. The lens blank of claim 18 wherein said aqueous solution comprises an aqueous solution at a pH between 8.0 and 12.0.

20. The lens blank of claim 18 wherein said aqueous solution is water.

21. The process of claim 2 wherein at least one of said wafer components for an ophthalmic lens has a surface feature on a major surface of a wafer component, said surface feature being selected from the group consisting of tabs, grooves, notches, and recessed power segments.

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